

Private Land Antlerless Deer Licenses

An application and drawing will be held for private land antlerless deer licenses in select DMUs in the northern Lower Peninsula and Upper Peninsula, shown in purple on the map in this guide. **Hunters may apply for one of these licenses or wait to purchase a leftover license after the drawing, if available.** Antlerless license sales information for the previous year is available on the DNR Web site and at license agents. This information is provided to assist you in deciding if you should apply for a private land antlerless license or take a chance that leftover licenses will be available to purchase beginning Sept. 17 at 10 a.m. **There is no guarantee leftover licenses will be available for any DMU.**

Private land licenses for DMUs shaded green on the map are available without application and may be purchased beginning Sept. 8 at 10 a.m.

Private land antlerless licenses will be sold until the quota is met for each DMU. Hunters may purchase up to five private land antlerless licenses, with no more than two from Zone 1 (UP) and Zone 2 combined, excluding Special Regulation Units. The telephone number of the private landowner is required. It is unlawful to purchase more than one antlerless license of any kind (public or private land) in a single day.

Private land licenses for DMUs shaded green go on sale Sept. 8 at 10 a.m.

Leftover Licenses

After the drawing, any leftover public land licenses and leftover private land licenses for DMUs shaded purple will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis beginning Sept. 17 at 10 a.m. Hunters may purchase one antlerless deer license per day. Licenses will be available until the quota for the DMU is reached. You may not purchase both a public land and private land antlerless license on the same day. You do not need to apply in order to purchase a leftover license.

Apprentice Hunting License

A person who does not have a hunter safety certificate may purchase an apprentice hunting license. An apprentice hunter may purchase this license for two license years before he or she must successfully complete a hunter safety course. The apprentice hunting license is available to residents and nonresidents.

Apprentice hunters under age 17, when afield, must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or someone 21 or older designated by their parent or guardian. This individual must possess a valid, regular hunting license to hunt the same game as the apprentice hunter. "Accompanied by" requires the adult to be able to come to the immediate aid of the other person and staying within a distance from the other person that permits uninterrupted, unaided visual and verbal contact. Apprentice hunters 17 and older, when afield, must be accompanied by someone 21 or older, who possesses a valid, regular hunting license to hunt the same game as the apprentice hunter. **A person may accompany no more than two apprentice hunters while hunting.**

Online Hunter Harvest Surveys

Accurate and complete information on hunting activity is vital for sound wildlife management. Hunters are encouraged to report their hunting activity after the season has ended online at www.michigan.gov/dnr. These surveys are the same as those traditionally mailed to randomly selected hunters. The online reporting option now allows all hunters to participate.

Hunters, Learn to Identify "Button Bucks"

Each year many hunters harvest buck fawns, commonly called "button bucks" on antlerless deer licenses. Though perfectly legal, harvesting these deer may reduce the number of bucks the following year. By learning the difference between adult does and buck fawns and observing these suggestions, hunters can make a conscious choice on whether to harvest a buck fawn.

- Button bucks often travel alone, but adult does rarely do. Consider this when you observe a single antlerless deer.
- Wait until more than three deer are together; then harvest one of the larger antlerless deer.
- Look at body shapes of deer. Adult does are different in shape from juvenile deer. The mature doe is rectangular in shape with a long neck and face. Fawns are square shaped and have a short neck and face.
- If two juvenile deer are without an adult, one will probably be a button buck. Normally the young male is larger than the female and may be mistaken for an adult doe because of its larger size. Look at the head of the deer. A doe's head is normally more rounded on top between the ears and a buck's head is flattened by the base of the antlers.
- Look closely with binoculars for the antler bases on button bucks.
- Wait until the deer are standing or moving slowly. It is easier to identify sex and age when deer are not running or moving fast.
- Shoot with good visibility. Poor light or heavy cover make it difficult to determine sex and age.

Mandatory Penalties for Certain Hunting Violations

Violation of permits, season, bag limits, shooting hours and methods of taking game	\$50 to \$500 fine and/or up to 90 days in jail.
Illegal taking/possession of deer, bear or wild turkey	\$200 to \$1,000 fine and 5 to 90 days in jail, restitution of \$1500 for bear, \$1000 for deer/turkey, plus revocation of hunting licenses for remainder of year convicted, plus next 3 consecutive years.
Illegal use of artificial light with bow and arrow or firearm	\$100 to \$500 fine and/or 90 days in jail, plus revocation of hunting licenses for remainder of year convicted, plus next consecutive year.
Carrying a firearm while under the influence of alcohol or drugs	\$500 fine and/or up to 93 days in jail.
Multiple offender: Two convictions within preceding five years	\$500 to \$2,000 fine and 10 to 180 days in jail.

Antlerless Deer License Quotas

Antlerless deer license quotas were not available at the time this guide was printed. An antlerless license quota is established for most DMUs based on the management objectives for that DMU. Antlerless quotas are available on the DNR website.

Special Antlerless Deer Seasons Early Firearm Antlerless Deer Season

There will be an early firearm antlerless deer hunting season on private land in Alcona, Alpena, Iosco, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle counties, and on private land in Zone 3 (southern Michigan). This season begins Sept. 18 and runs through Sept. 22, 2008. You must possess a valid private land antlerless deer license issued for the DMU in which you are hunting to take a deer during this season. You also must have permission from the landowner or leaseholder before hunting on private land, and the telephone number of the private landowner is required to acquire a private land antlerless deer license.

Baiting for deer may not occur until Oct. 1. You may not bait for deer during the early firearm antlerless deer hunting season.

All firearm hunters must be 12 or older and must wear Hunter Orange. Youths 10 and 11 are restricted to archery-only hunting, and must possess a private land antlerless license and must wear Hunter Orange. Archery and junior archery deer licenses are not valid for this hunt.

Youth and 100% Disabled Veteran Firearm Deer Hunting Days

Youth Firearm Deer Hunting Days will take place Sept. 27-28, 2008, on all lands in Michigan. Youths 10-16 years of age with a firearm or combination license may take an antlered or antlerless deer during this special two-day season. Or they may take an antlerless deer with an antlerless license or a Deer Management Assistance (DMA) permit. Youths 10 and 11 are restricted to archery-only hunting. Youths 12 and 13 are restricted to firearm hunting only on private land and lands enrolled in the Commercial Forest program.

A firearm, combination or antlerless license or DMA permit authorizing the youth to take a deer with a firearm, may be used if issued for the area/land upon which hunting. **Archery and junior archery licenses are not valid during this season.** All youth hunters are required to wear Hunter Orange. The youth must be accompanied by an adult at least 18 years of age or older. An adult accompanying a youth firearm deer hunter cannot possess or carry a firearm or bow and arrow and does not need a deer hunting license. It is unlawful to use bait during this season.

A veteran who has been determined to have a 100 percent disability or is rated as individually unemployable by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs may participate in this two-day season. Documentation from the Veterans Administration shall be in the possession of a veteran participating in this hunt.

Late Firearm Antlerless Deer Season

There will be a late firearm antlerless deer hunting season on private land in Alcona, Alpena, Barry, Branch, Calhoun, Crawford, Hillsdale, Ionia, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Kent, Lapeer, Lenawee, Montmorency, Oakland, Oscoda, Otsego, Ottawa, Presque Isle, St. Joseph, Sanilac, Tuscola and Washtenaw counties. This season begins Dec. 22, 2008, and runs through Jan. 1, 2009. During this season, only antlerless deer on private land may be taken. Permission is required from the landowner or leaseholder. You may hunt with a bow and arrow or firearm. All firearm hunters must wear Hunter Orange and must be 12 or older. You must have an unused antlerless deer license (or DMA permit) issued for the appropriate DMU to hunt deer during this season.

Tagging Option for Antlerless Deer Hunters

An antlerless deer hunter, with an unused license valid for an antlered deer and an unused antlerless license for the DMU in which they are hunting, **may** tag a male antlerless deer with an antlered deer license kill tag. A male antlerless deer, often called a "button buck," means a deer with antlers where the longest antler extends less than three inches above the skull.

Turn in Your Deer Heads

We are asking that you turn in your deer's head at any DNR office for free tuberculosis testing if you take a deer in any season in the following counties: Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon and Shiawassee.

An Important Message Regarding Bait

Hunters are prohibited from using bait for deer hunting in Alcona, Alpena, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle counties. Bait also is prohibited during the youth firearm deer season and the early firearm antlerless deer season. The use of bait is permitted in the remainder of the state, but the volume of bait at any hunting site cannot exceed two gallons. This restriction applies statewide. Baiting may occur only from Oct. 1, 2008 through Jan. 1, 2009. Check the 2008 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide or go to www.michigan.gov/dnr for a complete list of baiting regulations.

Antlerless Deer License Options

Item No.	Item No.	Name	Cost
Regular	Apprentice		
150		Public Land Application	\$ 4.00
151	642	Resident Public Land License	\$ 10.00
152	643	Nonresident Public Land License	\$100.00
153	644	Junior License	\$ 10.00
154	645	Resident OTC Public Land License*	\$ 10.00
155	646	Nonresident OTC Public Land License*	\$100.00
450		Private Land Application	\$ 4.00
451	665	Resident Private Land License (POS)	\$ 10.00
452	666	Nonresident Private Land License (POS)	\$100.00
453	667	Resident OTC Private Land License (POS)*	\$ 10.00
454	668	Nonresident OTC Private Land License (POS)*	\$100.00
OTC = Over the counter (no application required) POS = Purchased from License Agent,			
*After the drawing, any remaining antlerless licenses will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis beginning Sept. 17 at 10 a.m. Hunters may purchase one antlerless deer license per day. Licenses will be available until the quota for the DMU is reached. You may not purchase both a public land and private land antlerless license on the same day. You do not need to apply to purchase a leftover license.			

NOTICE: This brochure is not a legal notice, nor a complete collection of hunting regulations and laws. It is a condensed guide issued for hunters' convenience. Copies of wildlife conservation orders can be obtained from our Web site, www.michigan.gov/dnr

Drawing results will be posted Sept. 8 at www.michigan.gov/dnrdrawings. For application assistance, call 517-373-1263

Antlerless Deer Hunting License

This license entitles residents and nonresidents 10 and older to take an antlerless deer or a deer with antlers less than three inches in length within the deer management unit specified on the license. Youngsters 10 and 11 are restricted to archery-only hunting. Youngsters 12 and 13 may hunt with a firearm on private land only. Youngsters 12 and 13, who purchase a public land license, are restricted to firearm hunting on Commercial Forest Lands or to archery hunting on public land.

You must purchase your antlerless license in person or online. Antlerless deer licenses are valid during all deer seasons with hunting equipment appropriate for the season and hunting zone. The antlerless deer license is a stand-alone hunting license. No additional license is necessary to be legally afield. It is illegal to use an antlerless deer license to tag a deer with antlers three inches or more in length.

There are two types of antlerless deer hunting licenses: public land and private land.

- A **public land** antlerless deer hunting license is valid for taking antlerless deer from public lands (including state, federal and county lands) open to hunting within the deer management unit (DMU) specified on the license or upon lands within the DMU that are enrolled as Commercial Forest Lands.

- A **private land** antlerless deer hunting license is valid only for taking antlerless deer only from any privately owned lands within the deer management unit specified on the license with permission of the landowner. To purchase a private land antlerless license, the phone number of the landowner is required. A private land license is not valid on public or Commercial Forest Lands.

Note: There is a season limit of five private land antlerless licenses per person, of which no more than two may be purchased for Zones 1 and 2 combined (except for the special regulation units in Zone 2).

Junior Antlerless Deer Hunting License

Young hunters, ages 9 to 16, may purchase one junior antlerless deer license over the counter July 15 through Aug. 15; however, a 9-year-old must be 10 by Sept. 27, 2008 to purchase this license. **No application fee or drawing is required.** This license is available only in deer management units with a quota for antlerless licenses. This license may be purchased for either public or private land. A youth must appear in person with a parent or guardian to purchase the Junior Antlerless Deer Hunting License. Youngsters 10 and 11 are restricted to archery-only hunting. Nonresidents, ages 10 to 16, are allowed to purchase resident licenses.

REPORT ALL POACHING

Call: 800-292-7800

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The DNR Operations Service Centers listed below are open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Baraga
427 US-41 North
Baraga, MI 49908
906-353-6651
Bay City
503 N. Euclid Ave., Suite 1
Bay City, MI 48706
989-684-9141
Cadillac
8015 Mackinaw Trail
Cadillac, MI 49601
231-775-9727
Gaylord
1732 W. M-32
Gaylord, MI 49735
989-732-3541

Southfield
26000 W. Eight Mile Road
Southfield, MI 48034
248-359-9040
Marquette
1990 US-41 South
Marquette, MI 49855
906-228-6561
Newberry
5100 M-123
Newberry, MI 49868
906-293-5131

Plainwell
621 N. 10th St.
Plainwell, MI 49080
269-685-6851
Roscommon
1-75 & M-18 South
8717 N. Roscommon Rd.
Roscommon, MI 48653
989-275-5151
Rose Lake*
8562 E. Stoll Rd.
East Lansing, MI 48823
517-641-4903
*This is a field office

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The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act places an excise tax on firearms, handguns, ammunition and archery equipment. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service apportions these funds to state wildlife agencies to be used for wildlife management, research, habitat acquisition, game area and shooting range development and hunter education. Since its inception in 1937, Michigan's share of the Wildlife Restoration funds has reached almost \$150 million.

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How to Obtain an Antlerless Deer License

A limited number of antlerless deer hunting licenses are available for most deer management units (DMUs) for private and public land hunting. Licenses are distributed through an application and drawing; licenses that remain after the drawing will be sold until the quota is met for each DMU. In some DMUs, private land licenses are available only over the counter (without application). See map inside for details. **Hunters may apply for a license through the drawing, purchase a private land license for selected areas without application or wait to purchase a leftover license after the drawing, if available.**

Application Information

- You may apply for a license through the license drawing at a license agent, DNR Operations Service Center or online at www.michigan.gov/dnr. It costs \$4 to apply.
- You will need one of the following forms of customer identification:
 - Valid Michigan driver license
 - State of Michigan ID card (issued by the Secretary of State)
 - DNR Sportcard (issued through license agents or DNR Web site)
- You must be at least 10 years old by the time a license is purchased.
- **You may submit a single application only**, either for a public land or private land license (not both). When applying for a private land antlerless license, the telephone number of the private landowner is required.
- You are responsible for obtaining a DNR application receipt that states your customer ID and hunt choice. Check this receipt for accuracy and retain as proof that you applied. Ensure any application errors are corrected prior to the application deadline. **Do not accept a receipt that is not legible.**
- Applicants who submit an invalid application will be ineligible for the drawing.
- You are responsible for obtaining your drawing results. Results are posted online. Applicants who do not apply online will receive a postcard by mail. It is critical you keep your mailing address up to date with the Secretary of State.

IMPORTANT: It is your responsibility to check your application receipt for accuracy.

License Purchase

- If you are selected in the drawing or wish to purchase a private land license without application or a leftover license, your hunting license may be purchased online at www.michigan.gov/dnr or from any license agent. The telephone number of the private landowner is required
- All licenses must be signed to be valid. Your signature on the license certifies that you meet applicable residency and hunter safety requirements to purchase a Michigan hunting license.
- Make sure the information on your license is accurate. Licenses may not be altered or transferred.

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Application Period July 15–August 15, 2008

Apply online at www.michigan.gov/dnr

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Important Reminder for 2008:

There is a season limit of 5 private land antlerless licenses per person, of which no more than 2 may be purchased for Zones 1 and 2 combined (except for the special regulation units in Zone 2).

Other Reminders:

- **New application process this year.**
- **To acquire a private land antlerless license, the telephone number of the private landowner is required.**
- **There is no acreage requirement for private land licenses in 2008.**



U.P. HUNTERS:
New Buck Hunting Regulations
for 2008, see the Hunting and
Trapping Guide for more information!

Antlerless Deer Hunting Units for 2008

Legend

- Application Advisable for Private Land or Public Land Antlerless Licenses. See hunt table in lower-left for public license availability.
- Private Land Antlerless Licenses Available Without Application, beginning on Sept. 8 at 10am; Application Advisable for Public Land Antlerless Licenses.
- No Antlerless Licenses Available.
- Special Regulation Units (indicated by symbol next to DMU number) - see Special Regulation Units information block below.
- DMU Boundaries
- Major Roads
- County Line
- Lake
- 000 DMU Number
- Zone Boundary (1, 2, 3)

Private Land licenses available in all shaded DMUs; number available varies.

Public land licenses available in selected DMUs, see the Hunt Table to the lower left of the map.

Leftovers will be available after the license drawings are completed; any leftover licenses may be purchased beginning Sept. 17 at 10am.

To purchase a private land antlerless license, the telephone number of the private landowner is required.

Licenses will be sold until the license quota is met (sold) in each DMU.

No Acreage Requirement Needed for License Purchase (public or private).

How to Apply

- Look at the map and choose the DMU where you wish to hunt. Antlerless licenses are available only in those DMUs that are shaded in color.
- If the DMU is shaded purple, an application is advisable for either public land or private land. If the DMU is shaded green, an application is advisable for public land only.
- Complete Antlerless License Application Worksheet
- Apply at a license agent or online* at www.michigan.gov/dnr.
- You may apply for either a private land antlerless license or a public land antlerless license – not both. It is unlawful to apply more than once.
- Check your receipt. Retain receipt as proof of application.

***NOTE:** Following the drawing, successful applicants who purchase their license online will receive their license by mail within seven days. If you do not receive your license, contact customer service at (517) 373-1204.

Antlerless Deer License Application Worksheet

The license agent will ask for the following information when applying:

- Your birth date? _____ / _____ / _____
- Customer ID number? Michigan Driver License, state of Michigan ID Card, or DNR Sportcard
- Application item type? DMU number
150 Public Land Application
450 Private Land Application
- If applying for a private land license the telephone number of the private landowner is required.

Hunt Table

Public land licenses are available for selected DMUs, as indicated with an X. Private land licenses are available in all listed (shaded) DMUs.

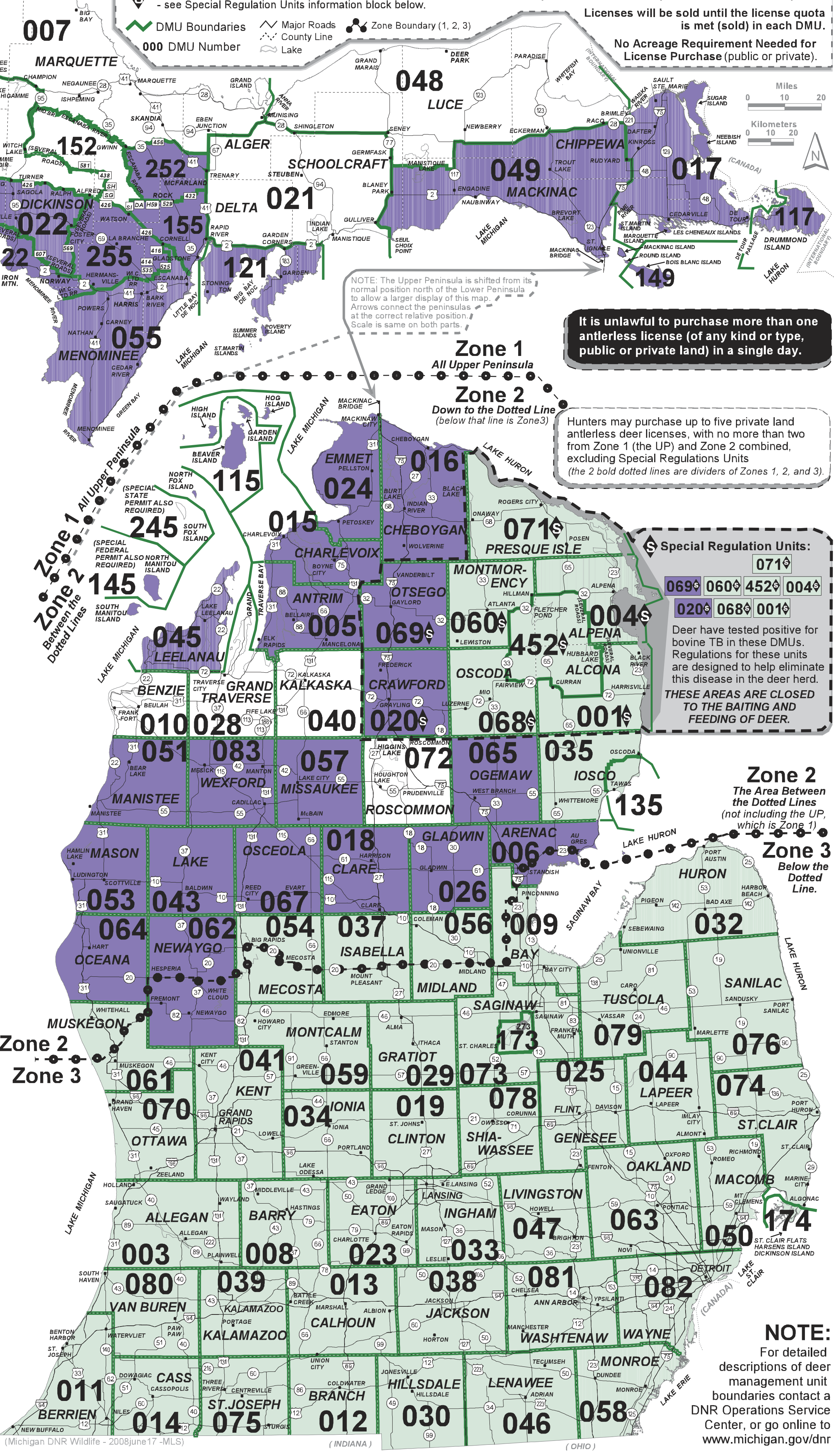
DMU	PUBLIC LAND	DMU	PUBLIC LAND	DMU	PUBLIC LAND	DMU	PUBLIC LAND
005		069	X	012	X	058	X
006	X			013	X	059	X
015		083		014	X	060	X
016	X	115	X	019	X	061	X
017		117	X	023	X	063	X
018	X	121	X	025		068	X
020	X	122	X	029	X	070	X
022	X	127		030	X	071	X
024	X	145	◆	032	X	073	X
026	X	149	X	033	X	074	X
031		155	X	034	X	075	X
043		245	◆	035	X	076	X
045		252		037	X	078	X
049		255	X	038	X	079	X
051				039	X	080	X
055	X	001	X	041	X	081	X
057		003	X	044	X	082	X
062		004	X	046	X	135	◆
064		008	X	047	X	174	◆
065	X	009	X	050	X	273	◆
067		011	X	056	X	452	X

◆ = Special deer hunts. Licenses for these DMUs are available on a local basis. See "Special Deer Hunts" in the 2008 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide, or contact the local DNR office for application information. The information also is available on the DNR Web site. Private land antlerless licenses are available over the counter for DMU 173 and DMU 174.

NOTE: Only public land antlerless licenses are valid on Commercial Forest Lands. If you plan to hunt during the firearm or muzzleloader season for an antlerless deer on Commercial Forest Land, you must have a public land antlerless license for that DMU.

Private Land Antlerless Deer Licenses

Private land antlerless deer licenses for DMUs shaded green go on sale Sept. 8 at 10 a.m. In addition, after the drawing, any leftover antlerless licenses may be purchased online for from any license agent for all listed DMUs. Hunters may purchase one private land antlerless deer license each day, up to the season limit of five. You may not purchase a both a public land and private land antlerless deer license on the same day.



It is unlawful to purchase more than one antlerless license (of any kind or type, public or private land) in a single day.

Hunters may purchase up to five private land antlerless deer licenses, with no more than two from Zone 1 (the UP) and Zone 2 combined, excluding Special Regulations Units (the 2 bold dotted lines are dividers of Zones 1, 2, and 3).

Special Regulation Units:

071
069
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452
004
020
068
001

Deer have tested positive for bovine TB in these DMUs. Regulations for these units are designed to help eliminate this disease in the deer herd. **THESE AREAS ARE CLOSED TO THE BAITING AND FEEDING OF DEER.**

Zone 2
The Area Between the Dotted Lines (not including the UP, which is Zone 1)

Zone 3
Below the Dotted Line.

NOTE:
For detailed descriptions of deer management unit boundaries contact a DNR Operations Service Center, or go online to www.michigan.gov/dnr

Note: The printed version of the antlerless guide had errors in the hunt table and map. This electronic version shows the correct hunt table and map.